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TO ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

AMCONSUL CURACAO BY POUCH

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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR DEA OPERATIONS IN MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 10552; AND 11228; STATE 291674 AND

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FROM VANCE AND LUERS

STATE 292066 REPEATED MEXICO'S GUIDELINES FOR DEA OPERATIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY AMBASSADOR JOVA HAS POINTED OUT THAT THESE GUIDELINES INCLUDED LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE SENSE OF THE CARACAS MEETING ON DEA CONDUCT IN CASES OF POTENTIAL PHYSICAL ABUSE DURING INTERROGATION. THUS, DEA AGENTS PRESENT AT GOM INTERROGATIONS OF SUSPECTS SHOULD NOT ONLY ABSENT THEMSELVES IN THE CASE OF PHYSICAL ABUSE BUT "AT ALL APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES IN WORKING
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WITH THEIR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE THEM

FROM THE USE OF PHYSICAL ABUSE. " THIS WAS THE MAIN
POINT OF THE CONSENSUS AT CARACAS, BUT TO BE COMPLETE
WE WOULD ADD TWO FURTHER DETAILS FOR CLARIFICATION: (1)
THE DEPARTURE SHOULD BE "DEFINITIVE," AND (2) IN TRYING
TO DISSUADE, AN AGENT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO USE FORCE
TO PREVENT ABUSE. THE LAST POINT, WE RECOGNIZE, IS OBVIOUS
SINCE U.S. OFFICERS HAVE NO JURISDICTION TO

RESTRAIN PHYSICALLY FOREIGN OFFICIALS OVERSEAS. ALSO IT
SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THESE GUIDELINES APPLY REGARDLESS OF
THE NATIONALITY OF THE SUSPECT BEING INTERROGATED. ROBINSON

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED CURACAO, BELIZE, MARTINIQUE AND PARAMARIBO.

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